

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 3455 - SB 3555

February 13, 2012

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes, after approval by a sheriff, a designated secondary transportation agent to enter into a contract with a hospital to be compensated to transport a person with mental illness or serious emotional disturbance to another hospital or treatment resource.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Decrease Local Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- Currently, the sheriff or transportation agent of a county in which a person is initially detained is responsible for transporting the person for assessment, evaluation, diagnosis, or hospitalization in instances of emergency involuntary admission and non-emergency involuntary admission. The county is responsible for all transportation costs including any transportation costs to additional counties or facilities.
- Any hospital that enters into a contract with a transportation agent will be responsible for the transportation costs incurred for transport to a secondary hospital or treatment resource. This will shift the transportation costs from the county to the hospital for any secondary transport to different facilities.
- It is estimated that there will be a minimal number of contracts, if any, between a hospital and a transportation agent resulting in the hospital incurring the transportation costs instead of a county.
- Any decrease in local expenditures is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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